

WIFE SUES KEEFER FOR SECOND TIME WITHIN ONE YEAR

First Divorce Action Was
Dropped When Friends
Urged Reconciliation.

WEALTH OF HER OWN.

Mrs. Keefer, a Talented Musi-
cian, Often Heard at
Charity Concerts.

Society was shocked to learn to-day that Mrs. Grace M. Keefer, a leader in philanthropic and collegiate entertainments, was again at odds with her husband, David Holcomb Keefer, a member of an old Atlanta, Ga., family. Mr. Keefer has amassed a fortune as a broker and in the promotion of street railway enterprises.

It has been no secret that Mr. and Mrs. Keefer were out on the beat of romance, and in fact a little more than a year ago their friends thought they had broken for good and all. But the trouble was patched up. Not until this morning, when the records in the County Clerk's office revealed their differences, did their friends know definitely that for the second time in less than a year and a half Mrs. Keefer was seeking for a measure of legal freedom and the custody of their two children.

LEARNED TO SPEAK FIVE LAN-
GUAGES IN EUROPE.

Mrs. Keefer is the daughter of Dr. Charles W. Sanders of No. 53 East Fifty-third street, with whom she is now living. She graduated from Vassar in the Class of 1900. As a pianist her talent has been recognized by Paderewski, and her rich contralto voice has made the success of many an exclusive concert, held to raise funds for some charitable or educational project.

Shortly after her graduation she married John Hicks Macy, the active head of Josiah Macy & Co., oil merchants. Three children were born to them. Mr. Macy died, leaving his wife a substantial income and a beautiful home at Fort Chester, N. Y., where she still spends much of her time. The shock of his death caused nervous prostration and for months she was seriously ill.

When Mrs. Macy became convalescent she toured Europe, gaining proficiency in five languages.

She returned in 1906 and the next year was married to Mr. Keefer. For about a year they lived at Mrs. Keefer's Fort Chester home and then moved to Atlanta. A year after they went South, Mrs. Keefer charges, Mr. Keefer began to absent himself for months at a time in New York, pleading business engagements.

Mr. Keefer's plea of "business" sufficed until the two babies were old enough to be left alone with a nurse. Then various matters were called to Mrs. Keefer's attention and so aroused her suspicions that she determined to go North herself to investigate.

She remained in New York only long enough to lay the result of her researches before Arthur M. Wickwire, an attorney, and then fled back South, arriving in Atlanta on Oct. 2, 1911. The following day Mr. Wickwire filed a suit in her behalf, asking for a divorce. In her complaint Mrs. Keefer charged that from June, 1911, Mr. Keefer had been far more attentive to a certain young woman, whose name was not discovered, than to his wife.

DIVORCE PAPERS SERVED IN
DRAMATIC FASHION.

The manner in which Mr. Keefer was served with the papers in the divorce action was unusual enough to cause quite a ripple along Broadway. He was standing in the midst of an exhilarated group in the cafe of the Hotel Rector, telling an amusing story, when Dr. Sanders and three detectives showed their way into the group.

"Why, father-in-law," began Keefer, when the doctor out him short with these take these papers," and stalked off.

Mr. Keefer's friends of the cafe were called to many windows at the head of the parade when they saw the head "action for absolute divorce."

Keefer filed a stout denial of his wife's charges. Next her attorney came into court and asked Judge Ford for alimony pending the trial. Mr. Keefer retorted that his wife's income, left her by Mr. Macy, was far greater than his.

Incidentally, Mr. Keefer laid his home troubles at the door of the "mediating" of Dr. and Mrs. Sanders, and so bitter did the controversy threaten to become that their friends stepped in and begged them to effect some sort of reconciliation. Mrs. Keefer withdrew her suit.

The patched up accord of the Keefer household went to pieces nearly four months ago. She asks the Court to award alimony, pending trial of the suit.

COURT HITS "LOAN SHARKS."

Cannot Compel Borrowers to Pay
Lawyers for Examining Titles.

ALBANY, Jan. 22.—The Court of Appeals has dealt a severe blow to the so-called "loan shark" business when it held as illegal the practice of exacting additional sums from borrowers under the guise of payments for expenses incurred in drawing up papers and examining the title of property.

The court says that under a law recently enacted persons or corporations engaged in loaning money on personal property loans cannot charge more than 1 per cent interest per month and not more than \$5 for expenses incurred on loans of less than \$200.

The question was raised by Elizabeth Blunden of New York City because she was compelled to pay \$5 per cent interest on a loan of \$50 and an additional \$5 to a third person for examining the title to her property and executing the mortgage upon which the loan was

What Is the Ideal Age to Marry?

First Article
of a Series.

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Should It Be 20 or 25 or 30 or 40,

Or Is It Best Never to Wed at All?



20 IS THE "MATTER OF FACT" AGE

22 IS THE "AGELESS AGE" TO MARRY

Prof. Sharpe of Boston University Says "If a Man Postpones Marriage Till Thirty He May Just as Well Wait Longer," and So May a Woman for That Matter.

An Obvious Argument in Favor of an Early Getaway in the Matrimonial Marathon Is that the Mind Is More Plastic Than in Middle Age and Easier Suited.

BY NIKOLA GREELEY-SMITH.

What is the ideal age to marry? Prof. Dallas Lore Sharpe of Boston University announced yesterday that from a scientific point of view, the ideal husband should be twenty-five years of age.



NIKOLA GREELEY-SMITH

proposal received during her first season, as this undoubtedly would be the best she would ever get. This would place the ideal age of marriage for women at less than twenty. What do you think about it?

The topic of the best age at which to assume life's greatest responsibility is especially interesting because it involves so many other questions of general interest. There is, for instance, that vexed problem of parental interference. The ideal moment for marriage must necessarily be that one at which a man or a woman may choose a partner in life unhampered by parental interference or displeasure. Now at what age does the heart of youth attain its majority?

IS THE FRENCH LAW BETTER THAN OURS?

In the United States, generally, a young man is legally able to marry without the consent of his parents when he becomes twenty-one. In France he cannot dispense with the parental consent until after he has reached twenty-five. Does the liberty allowed to children by our laws indicate greater or less wisdom than those of France, or would American marriages be happier, would divorce be less frequent, if the tutelage of the heart were extended to twenty-five?

Certainly an ideal marriage can be attained only through an unhampered choice.

Is this ideal age twenty? Is it thirty? Is it forty? Is it never? For I am perfectly willing to let the old bachelors and the old maid defend their solitary state as much as they like.

It is often asserted that it is better to marry a man with a past than one with a future, and that every woman who marries has to choose between these two evils. If this be true there is no doubt that, matrimonially considered, the man between thirty and forty is a better proposition than the youth with all his follies still ahead of him. On the other hand, a survey of the world's great men indicates the wisdom—considered from a masculine standpoint—of early marriage. Alexander married before he was twenty, Julius Caesar at seventeen or eighteen, Napoleon at twenty-seven, and George Washington was less than thirty when he assumed the responsibilities of marriage. Singularly enough, poets have shown greater courage than warriors in rushing upon the great adventure. Shakespeare, Byron and Shelley all married before twenty-seven, and George Washington we all have high power mental aptitudes on with a trained capacity for finding flaws.

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"Thirty," announced this latest advocate of early marriages, "is the timid age, forty the dangerous age. At thirty a man counts the cost. At twenty a boy is still liable to be crouchy and to need castor oil and his mother. I am inclined to place the ideal age at twenty-five." Man that he is, this Boston pedagogue considers the ideal age for marriage only as it affects his own kind. At least his published remarks make no mention of the age at which a young woman is best fitted to become a wife. Perhaps he shares a widespread masculine belief that the ideal age for a woman to marry is whenever she can get a husband. Ward McAllister, when leader of New York society, once gave it as his solemn opinion that a young woman should always accept any

proposal received during her first season, as this undoubtedly would be the best she would ever get. This would place the ideal age of marriage for women at less than twenty. What do you think about it?

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FIND BANK TELLER, WHO DISAPPEARED, IN THE WORKHOUSE

Suit for Writ to Free Charles
Kane Reveals Strange Story
of How He Was Sentenced.

HELD ON BOY'S CHARGE

Summarily Convicted After
Asking Beggar's Arrest, He
Goes to Prison in Silence.

Through the application of a lawyer before Justice Greenbaum in Special Term, Part 2, for a writ of habeas corpus in behalf of Charles Wesley Kane, a bank teller now serving sentence in the workhouse there was revealed today the strange story of how a man of prominence and good standing in his community dropped completely from sight and was subsequently discovered behind prison bars.

Kane, who is teller in the Second National Bank, Fifth avenue and Twenty-eighth street, is a bachelor of middle age and lives with his mother in a handsomely furnished villa at Hollis, L. I. He is well known in the society of the exclusive suburb and had enjoyed the confidence of his employers during the many years of his service in the bank.

IS SENTENCED TO SIX MONTHS
ON YOUTH'S CHARGE.

On the night of Dec. 24, Kane was walking along Forty-second street, near Grand Central station, when James Tidnick, a newsboy, eighteen years old, who makes his rounds in the vicinity of the station, accosted Kane, begging him, so Kane afterward swore in court, for a Christmas gift. According to the bank teller's story, the youth persisted in following and importuning him until, after warning him, Kane stopped in front of a policeman and asked that the youth be arrested for vagrancy. The instantly Tidnick made a counter charge against Kane, accusing him of a grave offense against decency. Kane was arrested and on the following day Magistrate House in the West Side Court sentenced him to six months in the Workhouse.

The bank teller was so stunned by the sudden arrest and conviction and so overwhelmed with mortification that he went to Blackwell's island with his lips sealed. He did not even communicate with his aged mother or send word to a friend of his plight. At his home in Hollis and at the bank his sudden disappearance was a complete mystery. Mrs. Kane, after vainly trying to get trace of her son by the aid of the bank officials, appealed to the police and a confidential agent was sent out for him by Police Headquarters.

APPEALS FAIL TO FREE IM-
PRISONED TELLER.

Then, for the first time, it was discovered that the bank teller was a prisoner on the island. Through his mother's intervention a lawyer of No. 41 Park Row, went before Judge Rosaksky in Part I, General Sessions on Jan. 4, with an appeal from Kane's conviction in the Magistrate's Court. The appeal was denied by Judge Rosaksky.

Two days later Kane's lawyer appeared again before Judge Rosaksky with affidavits of detectives establishing that the newsboy who had accused Kane had made misstatements about the place of his residence and his movements on the night he accosted Kane. The affidavits did not move Judge Rosaksky to reconsider his determination.

Consequently the only remaining course open to the lawyer was that adopted to-day, when he appeared before Justice Greenbaum and sued for a writ of habeas corpus against Warden Fox of the workhouse. The motion was held in abeyance for argument.

BABY WASHED ASHORE.

OPORTO, Jan. 22.—The most remarkable thing about the recent wreck of the steamship Veronesi is that a ten-month-old baby, which was washed ashore wrapped in blankets is alive and well.

The latest computation is that there were forty-four victims of the wreck. These include three first and three second class passengers, thirty-three Spanish emigrants and five members of the crew.

Called Conference of Governors. BOSTON, Jan. 22.—Invitations were issued by Gov. Foss to-day for a conference of six New England Governors in this city next Saturday for a discussion of transportation and particularly that of railroads. Gov. Foss states that the conference is the direct result of the failure of the Grand Trunk Railroad to continue the construction of the Southern New England Railroad, but he hopes that the Governors would also present some of the individual State problems.

Sentenced Real Estate Man And Girl He Used in F. and A.



RUTH E. DACE AND E. R. JACKSON

WALLS FALL ON EIGHT MEN. BUYS \$250,000 REMBRANDT.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Jan. 22.—A building in course of construction as a moving picture theatre collapsed at Saxton and Jay streets early to-day, and buried eight men in the ruins, including the superintendent of construction. Six of the men have been taken to a hospital, where it is said their injuries are serious. The building was of brick, and two walls fell together.

TOLEDO, O., Jan. 22.—John N. Wilby of this city to-day purchased the "Praying Pilgrims," one of Rembrandt's greatest paintings. The picture is valued by connoisseurs at \$250,000. The canvas was bought at the sale of the Maurice Kann collection in Paris. It was one of three original Rembrandts brought to America at the time of the sale, there being four in the Kann collection.

Another Day of the FIRE SALE!

While only a portion of the fashionable Bedell stock of Winter Apparel for women was affected by the smoke of last week's fire in the New York store, there are still

Many Hundreds of
SMART TAILORED SUITS, STUNNING WINTER
COATS, COSTUME AND EVENING WAISTS,
SKIRTS AND SILK PETTICOATS

Included among the slightly damaged goods which are now ready to be released for sale and which will be embraced in

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At the New York Store Only
At About 25% of Their Value

Most of these goods exhibit to the eye no evidence whatever of having been in the fire. There is a slight odor of smoke only, neither water nor flame having touched them. They will serve your purposes practically as well as if there had been no fire, but cannot be put back in the regular line.

Doors Open To-Morrow at the Usual Hour.
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Store Only
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The Adventures of One-Dollar Bill.

Adventure 1

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And so, to start my fortune, I bought a Sunday World Want Ad.—The bargain offers that it brought would make a sad heart glad.

They classified it "Wanted—Real Estate," and the next day

You ought to see the answers come from near and far away. I bought a really bargain for what you would call a "song"—To resell at a profit through The World did not take long.

For Great Bargains in Real Estate See World Ads. Any Day

Don't Let Your Stomach Trouble You

When you feel miserable, run down, have a bad taste in the mouth, coated tongue and frequent headaches it is a sure sign that your stomach, liver and bowels are not in order and need a good, thorough cleansing at once.

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